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MEETING

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SUMMARY. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT, WHILE MAINTAINING LOW-
KEY APPROACH FOR NACB MEETING, USINT MIGHT SEEK OUT
SELECTED FEW NAM CONTACTS WITHOUT UNDULY UPSETTING
CUBANS. SUGGESTED CONTACTS ATTACHED. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION FULLY AGREES WITH GUIDANCE THAT USINT
ACTIVITIES REGARDING HAVANA NACB MEETING SHOULD BE
LOW-KEYED, IN KEEPING WITH OUR AGREED STRATEGY FOR
SUCH EVENTS. MISSION SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT ONE LONG-
STANDING RATIONALE FOR A U.S. PRESENCE AT THE FRINGES OF
NAM MEETINGS HAS BEEN TO SYMBOLIZE AMERICAN INTEREST AND
OBJECTIVE CONCERN FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND ISSUES INVOLVED.
THIS OBJECTIVE COULD BE LOST BY A U.S. PRESENCE SO LOW-
KEYED AS TO BE BEYOND ANY AUDIBLE FREQUENCIES. IN
PARTICULAR, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT IF USINT OFFICERS WAIT
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FOR FRIENDLY NACB MEMBERS TO SEEK THEM OUT, AS PER
INSTRUCTIONS REF A, THEY MAY HAVE A LONG AND
FRUITLESS WAIT.

2. NOT TO BELABOR THE OBVIOUS, BUT MANY "MODERATE"
MEMBERS OF THE NAM AT THIS POINT ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED
ABOUT THE "NON-ALIGNMENT" OF THE MOVEMENT AND THE FUTURE

DIRECTIONS IT WILL TAKE, ESPECIALLY UNDER A CUBAN CHAIRMANSHIP. YUGOSLAVIA, IN PARTICULAR, HAS ACTIVELY SOUGHT TO KEEP THE CUBANS FROM WIELDING TOO LARGE AN INFLUENCE IN DIRECTIONS NOT NOW SHARED BY THE NAM CONSENSUS. OTHERS (E.G. INDIA, SRI LANKA, ZAIRE, INDONESIA) ARE NO LESS CONCERNED AND, TOGETHER, CAPABLE OF EXERTING CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL CLOUT WITHIN THE MOVEMENT.

3. IN MISSION'S VIEW, THERE ARE TWO MAIN FACTORS WHICH COULD PROMOTE A RELATIVELY TAME MEETING IN HAVANA. FIRST, THE CUBANS THEMSELVES, HAVING BEEN LECTURED BY THE YUGOSLAVS AND OTHERS, PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE A RELATIVELY LOW-KEYED ROLE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR LARGER GOALS OF A WELL-ATTENDED 1979 HAVANA SUMMIT AND GENUINE INFLUENCE WITHIN THE NAM OVER THE LONGER TERM. SECOND, MANY NAM "MODERATES" HAVE BEGUN SERIOUSLY TO CONSIDER THE PRESENT PREDICAMENT OF THE NAM AND TO REALIZE THAT APATHY AND PASSIVITY WILL ONLY GIVE THE GAME TO THOSE NOW THREATENING TO DRAW THE NAM TOWARD INCREASINGLY IDEOLOGICAL, ANTI-WEST STANCES. STILL, THE "MODERATES" LACK ORGANIZATION AND THE DYNAMICS OF THE NAM AND ITS MEETINGS ARE EXTREMELY TRICKY. MOREOVER,, THERE CANNOT FAIL BUT TO BE SOME INCREASED NERVOUSNESS AMONG THE "MODERATES" AT HAVING TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS ON THE CUBAN HOME FIELD.
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4. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NAM REMAINS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR AS THE NAM SORTS OUT I-S FUTURE ROLE AND DIRECTION. THE NAM MUST LOOK OVER ITS COLLECTIVE SHOULDER AT US WHETHER IT ADMITS IT OR NOT. MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CONTINUE DISCREETLY TO ASSURE NAM "MODERATES" OF OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO DEFINE THE NAM AS A VIABLE, SUCCESSFUL--AND NON-ALIGNED--VOICE FOR THE THIRD WORLD--A VOICE WITH WHICH WE ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL RESPECT. IN DISCUSSING THOSE ISSUES WE SHOULD SEEK TO CLARIFY AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND DEFINE AND EXPLAIN OUR POSITIONS ON AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT--AND LISTEN TO THE RESPONSES.

5. WHILE BOWING TO THE EXPERTISE OF OTHERS ON THE DELICACIES OF THE PRESENT US-CUBAN RELATIONSHIP, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT IT COULD DO LITTLE HARM, AND POSSIBLE A LOT OF GOOD, FOR USINT OFFICERS DISCREETLY TO SEEK OUT A FEW SELECTED NAM DELEGATES WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND. AN ANCILLARY BENEFIT, OF COURSE, WOULD BE AT

LEAST LIMITED U.S. ACCESS TO THE GOINGS-ON OF THE MEETING.

6. NAM MEMBERS' REPRESENTATION AT HAVANA, OF COURSE, IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR KABUL. BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURES OF TIME AND DISTANCE OF TRAVEL, WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT SOMEWHAT GREATER USE IS BEING MADE OF PERM REPS FROM NEW YORK INSTEAD OF SPECIALIZED REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS IN A NUMBER OF CASES. WE HAVE IN ANY EVENT DONE A QUICK CANVAS OF NAM MISSIONS IN NEW YORK AND SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING AS USEFUL AND PROBABLY RESPONSIVE CONTACTS WITH A SOUND PERSPECTIVE ON OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE

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NAM:

A- INDIA: PERM REP RIKHI JAIPAL IS EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND APPROACHABLE, AND HE IS PERHAPS THE SINGLE MOST INFLUENTIAL OF THE NAM PERM REPS IN NEW YORK. AT THE STAFF LEVEL MRS. VEENZ SIKRI AND, TO A SOMEWHAT LESSER EXTENT, MR. SUSHIL DUBEY, HAVE BEEN CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE CONTACTS FOR USUN'S NAM OFFICER GRAHAM IN NEW YORK, WHOSE NAME YOU MAY WISH TO USE. COMING FROM DELHI, MISS GHOSH IS AN EXTREMELY SHARP OBSERVER ON THE SOCIAL/ECONOMIC SIDE.

B. YUGOSLAVIA: MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY KOMATINA, IO BUREAU DIRECTOR YASIC, AND NAM DEPT DIRECTOR JOB ARE COMING FROM BELGRADE.

ON RECENT VISIT, USUN OFFICER FOUND YASIC AN EXTREMELY EXPERIENCED--AND CAREFUL--OLD PRO IN NAM AFFAIRS. PERM REP PETRIC AND HIS DEPUTY MUJEZINOVIC ARE GOING FROM NEW YORK. MUJEZINOVIC IN PARTICULAR HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND FORTHCOMING IN NEW YORK.

C. SRI LANKA: AMBASSADORS FERNANDO AND FONSEKA
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AND FIRST SECRETARY RODRIGO ARE GOING FROM NEW YORK. THE SRI LANKAN MISSION HERE HAS WORKED EXTREMELY HARD TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE NACB CHAIRMANSHIP WITH ITS SMALL STAFF. OUR ACCESS HERE HAS BEEN LIMITED--IN PART BY A MUTUAL DESIRE NOT TO OVERLOAD THEIR CIRCUITS. IN CONVERSATION WITH US LAST WEEK, FERNANDO EXPLICITLY PROMISED EFFORTS TOWARD MODERATION IN HAVANA, HOWEVER, AND OFFERED TO KEEP US INFORMED.

D. NIGERIA: PERM REP HARRIMAN REPORTEDLY WILL LEAD THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION. WELL-CONNECTED BUT QUIXOTIC AND OFTEN DEFENSIVE, HE COULD BE HARD TO APPROACH SUCCESSFULLY IN THE LIMITED TIME ALLOWED. IT WOULD NONETHELESS BE USEFUL TO TOUCH BASE WITH HIM AT SOME POINT DURING THE CONFERENCE.

E. ZAMBIA: DEPUTY PERM REP DR. KASUKA MUTUKWA, A POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR, IS AN ASTUTE OBSERVER AND HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE WITH USUN OFFICERS ON AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED ISSUES.

F. TANZANIA: PERM REP SALIM SALIM MAY ATTEND. IF HE DOES, USINT WILL HAVE PLEASURE OF DEALING WITH SHARPEST AND POSSIBLY MOST INFLUENTIAL OF AFRICAN PERM REPS. SALIM IS OPEN, FRIENDLY, AND DISPOSED TO STRAIGHT TALK.

G. LIBERIA: FONMIN DENNIS, GIVEN TO POSTURING, HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND OPEN WITH MISSION OFFICERS DURING HIS SEVERAL RECENT VISITS TO NEW YORK.

H. CUBA: TO POSSIBLY ADD TO USINT'S CUBAN CONTACTS, USUN NAM OFFICER HAS FOUND CUBAN FOREIGN
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MINISTRY OFFICER JUAN BLANCO, IF TEMPTED TO FORAY OUTSIDE HIS IDEOLOGICAL CORRAL, TO BE BASICALLY OPEN

AND STRAIGHT-TALKING.

I. EGYPT: ALTHOUGH NOT NACB MEMBER, EGYPT HAS MAJOR INTEREST IN HOW MEETING DEALS WITH ME ISSUES AND IS CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL ANTI-SADAT ACTION. PERM REP ABDEL MEGUID, WITH WHOM USUN HAS CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP, IS IN HAVANA. HE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO USINT APPROACH AND HELPFUL IN KEEPING USINT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

J. NIGER: UN MISSION COUNSELLOR MAMADOU DAGRA IS WELL-INFORMED, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INSIGHTS ON FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN VIEWS.

7. UKUN HAS TOLD MISSION THAT UK EMBASSY HAVANA WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST USINT IN REPORTING ON NACB MEETING. MCHENRY

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